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Public Hearing October 2 for 5.0 MW Solar Plant Proposed for Worcester County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Pocomoke City Community Energy Initiative, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar facility in Worcester County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace.

In May 2024, Pocomoke City CEI applied to the Maryland Public Service Commission for what is known as a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), which grants an applicant the authority to construct an energy generating station or high-voltage transmission line in Maryland. According to the application, the solar facility, intended as part of Maryland's community solar program, would be built on nearly 36 acres of a 122-acre property located at 610 Ocean Highway in Pocomoke City.

To participate virtually, please sign up in advance to speak by sending an email referencing Case No. 9740 to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon on October 1. Participants will receive an email with the link to join in on the virtual platform. Otherwise, a recording of the hearing will be available on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

The hearing will include a presentation by the developer, followed by brief statements from the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, and the Commission's Technical Staff, and then an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed project.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent electronically through the Commission's online portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>, or by mail. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202 (only one copy is

required). So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9740](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for public review at the Worcester County Department of Development Review and Permitting, 1 West Market Street in Snow Hill.

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